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In re application of:

Peter G. Thompson

Examiner: Davis D. Hwu

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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 16, 2004

In response to the Office Action mailed March 16, 2004, applicant hereby amends the claims and otherwise responds as follows. The shortened period for response expired June 16, 2004. Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time. A check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the extension of time. The extended due date for this response therefore is September 16, 2004. It is believed that there is no additional fee associated with the filing and consideration of this amendment. **Should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment and response to deposit account number 03-0172.**

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